

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Governmental Center**

**Commission Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**400 Boardman Ave**

**Traverse City, MI 49684**

**Apportionment Commission Website: [www.gtcountymi.gov/2488](http://www.gtcountymi.gov/2488)**

**Meeting will be broadcast on Community TV Channel 191**

**Video Website: [https://www.tacm.tv/govtv\\_gtcounty.asp](https://www.tacm.tv/govtv_gtcounty.asp)**

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:  
    **Noelle Moeggenberg**, Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney  
    **Heidi Scheppe**, Grand Traverse County Treasurer  
    **Chris Cracchiolo**, Grand Traverse County Democratic Party Chair  
    **Lisa Trombley**, Grand Traverse County Republican Party Chair  
    **Bonnie Scheele**, Grand Traverse County Clerk
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of September 23, 2021 Minutes 1-2
6. Discussion of Apportionment Plan Finalization Date 3-5
7. Apportionment Commission Vote on Top 4 Maps for Consideration  
    (Maps are on the Apportionment Commission Website) 6
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

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September 23, 2021  
Scheduled Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Heidi Scheppe, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Governmental Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chris Cracchiolo, Noelle Moggenberg, Heidi Scheppe, and Lisa Trombley

EXCUSED: Bonnie Scheele

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Moore  
Jeanne Easterday  
Rick Walter

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16 2021 MINUTES

Moved by Moeggenberg, seconded by Trombley to approve the September 16, 2021 minutes.

**Motion carried unanimously**

LISA TROMBLEY REQUESTED A DISCUSSION ON DATES FOR SUBMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

REVIEW OF SUBMITTED MAPS

Commission requested Clerk's staff to adjust the website to reflect valid map submissions  
Commission requested Clerk's staff to work with county GIS to address and possibly resolve discrepancies alleged to exist in public comment

LISA TROMBLEY TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 24 HOURS TO REWORK MAP SUBMISSION

Moved by Cracchiolo, seconded by Moeggenberg

**Motion carried unanimously**

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Moore  
Harold Lassers  
Jeanne Easterday  
Harold Lassers

Amy Tieral

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Chris Cracchiolo, Democratic Party Chair

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Lisa Trombley, Republican Party Chair

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Noelle Moeggenberg, Prosecuting Attorney

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Heidi Scheppe, Treasurer (Vice Chair)

DRAFT

TO: Apportionment Commission  
FROM: Bonnie Scheele  
RE: Apportionment Plan Finalization Dates  
MEETING: September 30, 2021

I received the attached email from the Livingston County Clerk regarding the date that our Apportionment Plan should be submitted. Since there are two different opinions on when the official release date of the census data was, the law firm of Cohl, Stoker, & Toskey, P.C. gave a couple of options for how to deal with the two different dates so we don't miss the deadline.

**Elizabeth Hundley**

11:26 AM  
(2 hours  
ago)

Colleagues,

The Livingston County Apportionment Commission met this morning. Mr. David Stoker of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. provided our members an update in regards to options available to county apportionment commissions in light of the conflicting opinions on what the official release date of the census data is. He provided our apportionment commission with two options. First, we can adopt a plan prior to the October 11, 2021 deadline in case a court ultimately determines the August 12, 2021 as the official release date of the data. We then would need to hold a second meeting after October 17<sup>th</sup> but before November 15<sup>th</sup> to adopt the same plan again. This option requires the county clerk to submit the same plan two times to the Secretary of State. The second option available to us is to petition the Court of Appeals for an extension pursuant to MCL 46.407.

The Livingston County Apportionment Commission unanimously passed a motion instructing our legal counsel to petition the Court of Appeals for an extension under MCL 46.407. Mr. Stoker then asked members of our apportionment commission if we would allow other counties to join our petition if other counties so requested. Again, members of our apportionment commission agreed to allow other counties to join our petition seeking an extension if their county apportionment commission so desires.

I am in no way recommending any other county apportionment commission join our petition. Joining the petition is a decision of each county apportionment commission. I am merely passing along the information and making you aware of this option as many of you do not have access to your own legal counsel. Please contact Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. directly as I will not play a role in this matter as it moves forward from this point. Mr. Stoker can be reached at (517) 372-9000 or [dstoker@cstmlaw.com](mailto:dstoker@cstmlaw.com).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hundley, Esq.

Livingston County Clerk  
200 E. Grand River Ave.  
Howell, MI 48843  
Phone: 517-546-0500

**APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 261 of 1966**

**46.407 Apportionment plan; failure of apportionment commission to submit; submission by registered voter.**

Sec. 7.

If the apportionment commission has failed to submit a plan for its county within 60 days but not less than 30 days after the latest official published census figures are available or within such additional time as may be granted by the court of appeals for good cause shown on petition from the apportionment commission, any registered voter of the county may submit a plan to the commission for approval. The commission shall choose from among those submitted to it a plan meeting the requirements of the laws of this state and file such plan in the office of the county clerk as set forth in section 5 within 30 days after the deadline for the filing of the commission's own plan or any extension granted thereon.

**History:** 1966, Act 261, Eff. Mar. 10, 1967

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## **WEIGHTED RANK VOTING**

- 1. Each commission member shall assign a rank of 1-4 to their top 4 plans**
- 2. First choice will receive 4 points**
- 3. Second choice will receive 3 points**
- 4. Third choice will receive 2 points**
- 5. Fourth choice will receive 1 point**
- 6. Any plan a commissioner chooses not to rank will receive 0 points**
- 7. At the end of balloting, the plans with the most points awarded by the commission will be advanced for further discussion.**